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**Sent:** Sun 8/16/2015 4:22:07 PM  
**Subject:** Re: New York Times — Interview Request

To help clarify for everybody, we did actually know about this request and her Sunday deadline.

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On Aug 16, 2015, at 10:20 AM, "Jenkins, Laura Flynn" <[Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov](mailto:Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov)> wrote:

Christie:

Here's Julie's question. Flow rate she cited is lower than what Dan cited so wanted to flag for you.

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**From:** Julie Turkewitz <[julie.turkewitz@nytimes.com](mailto:julie.turkewitz@nytimes.com)>

**Date:** August 14, 2015 at 11:09:34 AM MDT

**To:** "Jenkins, Laura Flynn" <[Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov](mailto:Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: New York Times — Interview Request

Thanks. The one item I'd like to confirm is that the spill at the mine has returned to its pre-accident level of flow.

If you can confirm the current flow rate -- which the AP reported at 213 gallons/min -- that would be excellent.

(Experts tell me this is a somewhat high rate -- this gets at why the EPA was there in the first place.)

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El ago 14, 2015, a las 10:38 AM, Jenkins, Laura Flynn  
<[Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov](mailto:Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov)> escribió:

Thanks, I've sent your cell number to the JIC and noted a deadline of Sunday, along with the focus of your article.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Laura Jenkins

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**From:** Turkewitz, Julie [<mailto:julie@nytimes.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 10:34 AM

**To:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn

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As a heads up, I'll be driving for the next few hours and checking email only sporadically. Feel free to ring if you have news -- I can take calls via headset.

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On Fri, Aug 14, 2015 at 10:10 AM, Turkewitz, Julie <[julie@nytimes.com](mailto:julie@nytimes.com)> wrote:

Perfect.

On Fri, Aug 14, 2015 at 10:09 AM, Jenkins, Laura Flynn  
<[Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov](mailto:Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov)> wrote:

I'll elevate to our press people at the Area Command. There is

someone there specifically tasked with vetting interviews and I'll make sure she sees this ASAP.

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**From:** Turkewitz, Julie [mailto:[julie@nytimes.com](mailto:julie@nytimes.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 10:04 AM  
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**Subject:** New York Times — Interview Request

Laura,

Thanks for your help yesterday.

I wanted to tell you that I am working on an article for the New York Times that focuses on the reason the E.P.A. was in the Silverton area in the first place — it was cleaning up the mess left by others. The piece will focus on the history and legacy of mining in southwest Colorado, not necessarily on the accident. I have already interviewed Gov. Hickenlooper for the piece.

I am writing to see if Administrator McCarthy is interested in chatting briefly via telephone for this article -- I'd ask her to talk about the EPA resources that go into mine cleanup across the country, what kind of priority this issue has at the agency, and what she thinks the country needs to do to address this larger problem of abandoned mines.

I'm reporting this story this weekend and could chat today, Saturday or Sunday.

I know it's a big request — but it would be remiss if I did not ask. Cell: 301 928 5072.

All the best,

Julie

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